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Elkins' Mule.

Of Steve Elkins, Mr. Blaine's late financial agent and one who figured conspicuously as the republicans purchasing agent, we heard a good deal told on the other evening. As the truth of the matter no one will doubt when we say our informant was our highly respected townsman, Mr. Geo. W. January. Mr. January states that during "the late unpleasantness" he and Mr. Elkins were living at Harrisonville, this county, when late one evening the people received the news that the north were coming down from the north and were going to take Harrisonville. Our friend Elkins, in company with another gentleman, started out to ascertain the strength of the enemy. When about ten miles north of Harrisonville, Mr. Elkins saw, what he took to be, a company of "VanHorn's Dutch." Pointing them out to his companion, he suggested a surrender. So down went their guns, up went their hands. Patiently they waited for some one to come forward and take them prisoners, but no one came. The enemy stood still. Mr. Elkins' companion suggested that they go forward, and they did so. What did they find? An old white-faced mule, blind as a bat!

P. S.—Blame a mule anyhow.—Freeman Inquirer.

Carlyle on the Piano Dulciance.

I recommend the following passage in "Carlyle's Lite" to those young poets who, without a real notion of music, make the air around them hideous by the everlasting strumming on a piano. "The miserable young woman in the next house to me spends all her bright

young days, not in learning to darn stockings, sew shirts, bake pastry, or any art, mystery or business that will profit herself or others; not even in amusing herself or skipping on the grass plots with laughter of her mates, but simply and solely in raging from dawn to dark, from night to midnight, on a hapless piano, which it is evident she will never in this world render more musical than a pair of barn clappers! The miserable young female!"

Thursday next is our day of annual thanksgiving. And as we sit around the festal board, dear republican subscribers of Kansas, and contemplate the toothsome turkey, and the palatable plum pudding, and thank a watchful providence for the mercies of the past year, let us not forget to invoke a blessing on the head of that wise statesman, that model citizen, that fearless patriot and saviour of his country, John P. St. John.—K. C. Times.

The poor old party had best remain quietly in its grave. The attempt of Mr. Blaine to read the funeral robes, this turning over in the coffin and protesting against the inevitable and attempting to tell—

Why the canonized bones, hearsed in earth.
Have burst their cements.
—is unseemly. The inevitable is unavoidable and should be accepted. May the great departed have the grace in this trying hour to accept defeat with decency and if possible with Christian fortitude.—K. C. Times.

Brownfield and Hopkins, who were sentenced to be hanged on next Friday, were granted a general stay of execution by the Supreme court.

This means an indefinite postponement of the hanging. Brownfield is no doubt very much disgusted at the stay as he expressed some pleasure at the time of the sentence that the execution would come off before cold weather as he would then be in a warmer country.—Clinton Advocate.

A concert and literary entertainment will be given at the M. E. church on the evening of Dec. 2nd, for the benefit of the Methodist Sunday School. The programme is an interesting one and consists of recitations, solos, duets, and choruses, 60 voices being drilled now to take part in the choruses. A commodious stage will be built in the church so that participants can be easily seen from all parts of the building. Admission: adults, 25 cts; children, 15 cts.

The theatre goers of Butler have a rare treat in store next Saturday night, the 29th inst. Mr. Newton Beers under the management of C. R. Gardner, is to appear at Walton's Opera House as "Rogers" in that greatest of all American dramas entitled "Only a Woman's Heart." The play is simple, yet thrilling, and the play throughout is true to nature. Mr. Beers has received the highest praise from the eastern press and bears the enviable reputation of being one of the finest actors now on the road. Seats on sale from to-day.

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Dayton, Mo., Nov. 17.—One of the most diabolical outrages that has ever been our lot to record occurred on the night of the 13th inst. in our little town. Some miscreants entered this place during the silent hours of the night and maliciously tore down the stars and stripes from the democratic pole, and carried the flag away. Whatever motive prompted this unwarranted outrage, we leave our readers to imagine rather than describe it ourselves.

Vice President Hendricks in his great Brooklyn speech expressed the Alpha and Omega of civil service and all there is in it when he said: "Let a true man come to be president of the United States and let true men be called around him to aid him in the public service and let these men resolve that the only test of qualification for office under them shall be honesty and fitness for the service, and you have civil service reform."

The bridge across Little Muddy, on the road from here to Metza, just a little south of town, will probably be put in, as we understand Ed. Crabbs' petition, with the promised aid of Judge Lefker on the part of the county court will secure a very substantial structure that is to cost some \$600 or \$700. Good enough! —Rich Hill review.